NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS

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MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks c/o Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director 1505 Eastover Drive Jackson, MS 39211-6374 (601) 432-2400

Specific Legal Authority authorizing the Promulgation of Rule: 41-1-29-; 25-43.3.103

49-7-31; 49-7-38; 49-7-41

Sharon@mdwfp.state.ms.us	Proposed Rule: LE3-2280(I)
Explanation of the Purpose of the Propose	ed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule:
Intent to adopt the following regulations cor	cerning primitive weapons.
This rule is proposed as a X Final Rule, and	or a Temporary Rule (Check one or both boxers as applicable.)
address. Persons making comments show	roposed rule by addressing written comments to the agency at the above ld include their name and address, as well as other contact information, and address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.
Oral Proceeding: Check of	one box below:
Date: June 30, 2 Time: 8:30 am Place: 1505 Eas If you wish to be heard and presen	tover Drive, Jackson, MS 39211 t evidence at the oral proceeding you must make a written request to the agency at
include your name, address, teleph	days prior to the proceeding to be placed on the agenda. The request should none number as well as other contact information; and if you are an agent or lephone number of the party or parties you represent.
will be held if a written request for persons. The written request show (20) days after the filing of this no	duled on this rule. Where an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding r an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) ald be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty otice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address and telephone are request; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone are represent.
Economic Impact Statement: Check	one box below:
X The agency has determined th	at an economic impact statement is not required for this rule, or
The concise summary of the ed	conomic impact statement required is attached.
The entire text of the Proposed Rule included Rule included Rule included t	ding the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached. Date Rule Proposed: June 30, 2005 Proposed Effective Date: 9-1-05
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PUBLIC NOTICE LE4-2280 (I)

TO: The Honorable Eric Clark Secretary of State P.O. Box 136 Jackson, MS 39205

AND

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on June 30, 2005 under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following regulations concerning primitive weapons. This was done under authority of Sections 49-7-31, 49-7-38 and 49-7-41, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Public Notice LE3-2280 is hereby amended and the following rules and regulations are adopted:

"Primitive firearms," for the purpose of hunting deer, are defined as single or double barreled muzzle-loading rifles of at least 38 caliber; single shot, breech loading, cartridge rifles (.38 caliber or larger) of a kind and type manufactured prior to 1900, and replicas, reproductions or reintroductions of those type rifles; and single or double-barreled muzzle-loading shotguns with single ball or slug. All muzzle-loading Primitive Firearms must use black powder or a black powder substitute with either percussion caps or #209 shotgun primers or flintlock ignition. Breech loading single shot rifles must have exposed hammers and use metallic cartridges.

For the purposes of this Public Notice, a 'black powder substitute' is defined as a substance designed, manufactured and specifically intended to be used as a propellant in muzzleloading or other black powder firearms, excluding modern smokeless powder.

The requirement to purchase and posses a separate crossbow, archery and/or primitive weapon hunting license, as set forth in Miss. Code Ann. §49-7-37(6), shall apply during the special open seasons for hunting deer with bow and arrow, crossbow and /or primitive firearms as set forth in Miss. Code Ann. §49-7-31. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the use of a primitive firearm, with or without telescopic sights, or bow and arrow, for the hunting of

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deer during the regular open gun season(s) for deer, or as a requirement for having the separate primitive firearm license at any time except during the special open season for primitive weapons. However, only bow and arrow or a primitive firearm, as defined herein, and crossbows(as set forth in Miss. Code Ann. §49-7-38), may be used to hunt deer during the primitive weapons season, as set forth in Miss. Code Ann. §49-7-31. No firearms, primitive or otherwise, or crossbows (by GENERAL licensees) may be used for the hunting of deer during the special open season(s) for hunting deer with bow and arrow as set forth in Miss. Code Ann. §49-7-31.

Anyone wishing to comment on the above proposed action may do so in writing to the Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, 1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS 39211-6374 no later than August 29, 2005.

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